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FCI's winning bid gets mixed reviews

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Frost Centre Institute's successful bid to take over operations of the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre is being greeted with mixed reviews, ranging from excitement

to cautious optimism to disappointment bordering on dismay.

"I think it's an excellent decision," says Eleanor Harrison, vice-chair of the Frost Centre Working Committee and reeve of Algonquin Highlands, which encompasses the former Ministry of Natural Resources environ-

mental education facility. "I'm very pleased there's a possibility it will re-open in 2007."

While she knows that the Friends of the Frost Centre will be disheartened that its bid was not chosen, she says "I'm still very hopeful that the Friends may be able to find a niche someplace.

Maybe the Friends can find another part to play and maybe help [the FCI]."

"I am disappointed," says Barrie Martin, a former staff member who worked on the Friends' bid for the Frost Centre for Ecological and Sustainability

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Recount changes nothing

by STEVE GALEA
Special to The Times

The results of the November 13 election in Minden Hills remain essentially unchanged following the recount of votes in two wards on Monday.

Lisa Schell, who lost to Clayton Cameron for a seat in Ward 1, and Ingram Wessell, who lost his seat to Barbara Reid in Ward 2, had asked for a recount because of the narrow margins of victory. The recount, however, saw Cameron's and Schell's vote count remain the same while Wessell lost one vote and Reid gained another.

The results of the recount are as follows:

Ward 1

Clayton Cameron 753 (compared to 753 in the first vote count on election night)

Lisa Schell: 742 (compared to 742 on election night)

Ward 2

Barbara Reid: 434 (compared to 433 on election night)

Ingram Wessell: 426 (compared to 427 on election night)

"That's still pretty good counting, I would say," says returning officer Clerk Cheryl McCarroll of the one-vote discrepancy.

The recount employed five groups of two to count Ward 1 votes and three groups of two in Ward 2. These results were taken to two vote talliers who kept a final result sheet. Additionally,

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There's nothing more important at Christmas than family, and two-year old Zachary Aubin shows there's nothing more important to him than his mom Kari. The Dorset residents joined other families at the Dorset rec centre for a children's Christmas party Saturday. "It's a lot of fun for the kids," Kari said. "Brings the community together." For more photos from the event, see page 11.

Walling hails Dion's youthful approach

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

December 2, 2006 was a victorious day for Stéphane Dion, who became the 11th leader of the Liberal party.

Haliburton's Liberal candidate Greg Walling couldn't be happier about the having Dion lead the red team.

"Out of all of the candidates that I met, he is the one I liked the most. He's a leader who is still humble, and that is very unique in politics," said Walling. "He brings 10 years of experience in the political field. He's got this tremendous vision for the country."

Walling says that one of the many reasons Dion nabbed the top spot was his connection to the young people of Canada.

"What you saw in the results was that the grassroots of the party prevailed. The old party elite backed Bob Rae and Michael Ignatieff but for Stéphane Dion, he won because of the young people of Canada."

It's an approach Walling shares. "For me as a Liberal from this area, we had four of our youth who worked really hard for the Liberal position. They need credit: Alexis McIntyre, Brian Teefy, Caitlin Townsen and Devon Kirk worked for various Liberal leaders, volunteering many man-

hours towards campaigns."

Walling hopes more youth will become involved next time around. For now he's glad his pick for leader made the cut. As for re-election, Walling makes it no secret as to whether he will run again. "I'm going to run again, everyone knows that."

Despite what Walling calls a "very, very, conservative riding", he feels he is a strong contender.

"The way you win it is you knock on more doors than anyone else. Residents just want to know who you are and it makes my job a lot easier when I have a tremendous amount of faith in our leader, and that's what I have in Stéphane Dion."

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Kawartha Lakes resident joins ballot challenge

by DAVID NESSETH
Osprey Media Group

After weeks of speculation, the election appeal case of citizen Robert Allen and the Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes is official.

The Lindsay law firm of Leonard S. Siegel filed the application last Wednesday at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Lindsay. The aim is a ruling that would allow many of the 5,667 ballots rejected in the recent municipal election to be counted. It could drastically alter the face of the new city council, as the vote total did not exceed 1,000 for the winner in the majority of the wards.

Allen, a resident of Cambray, said he's speaking on behalf of Kawartha Lakes' citizens. He was not a candidate in the recent election but will essentially join candidates from nearby Minden Hills and Highlands East as they challenge rejected ballots from their municipalities on the same day, Dec. 12, at the same court.

All municipalities involved used the mail-in voting process.

"We just need an answer to those 5,000-plus votes," said Allen, a retired instructor from Lindsay's Fleming College.

Of the five ballot kit problems found by Elections Returning Officer Judy Currins, missing declaration forms was the most prevalent, totalling 4,807.

One of the grounds for Allen's case claims the rules and procedures for the election were "confusing, complex, ambiguous and generally inappropriate for the electorate."

The court application asks why Currins did not "declare an emergency" when she became aware that a disproportionately high number of ballots were being rejected compared to previous years. Currins said she did seek legal advice on the issue and was advised that veering from the procedures established by city council could jeopardize the integrity of the election.

"I just feel very, very strongly that the system was skewed," Allen says. "This is a way we can methodically go through the process and have it reviewed properly."

Candidates won't relax until court hears case

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one doorman prevented people entering or leaving the counting area at the community centre. Schell, Reid and Wessell each had scrutineers present during the recount.

Schell says, "I was pleased with the process. It's nice to know that the old way of counting by hand still works."

Wessell also says he is satisfied with the recount. "Though nothing has changed, it's a process we had to go through. The vote was close."

Both say they are looking forward to their court challenge in Lindsay on Tuesday, December 12. There they will ask for the examination of the 937 rejected ballots, hoping to salvage any votes that were accompanied by properly completed declaration forms, regardless of where they were in the mail-in envelope.

They are also interested in the outcome of a similar

court challenge in Lake of Bays that will be heard on Monday, December 11. Wessell says, "It might influence the way our court challenge goes. That depends on the judge. But it does show you that we are not the only ones. There are a lot of unhappy voters in the province."

Newly-elected Ward 2 Councillor Barb Reid says, "Obviously, I'm very pleased with the way the recount turned out. It's hard to get too excited though because really so much depends on how the court challenge turns out next Tuesday in Lindsay. I'm very positive and enthusiastic right now, but can't feel that this is all finished until next Tuesday's conclusion. Still, I look forward to being sworn in on Thursday evening; I just hope that I'm not sworn out a month later."

Reid adds that she supports the court challenge of rejected ballots. "I think it's important that we honour those votes if possible."

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Raise a toast to Fielding Winery

Its wines will be served at Ontario legislature

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

"It's been a short period of time but a whole lot of work," says Lake Kashagawigamog resident Ken Fielding, referring to the successful winery that he and his wife Marg own and operate in the Niagara region.

In fact, since corking their first vintage in 2002, the Fielding Estate Winery has matured from a state of unknown to provincial-renown, and with an array of award-winning wines under their belt, the pair have made a considerable splash in Ontario's competitive wine industry.

Last month, for example, members of provincial parliament chose the Fielding 2005 Riesling Semi-Dry and the 2004 Cabernet Franc as the official white and red wines of the legislature, overshadowing selections from 90 other wine manufacturers across the province. Considering that this is the first year that Fielding wines have been entered in the competition, the selection of not one, but two wines is a great testament to the quality of their product. It's also a feat that hasn't been accomplished by any other wine producer since 1999.

"It was a great surprise. I mean, we would have been happy even if they picked only one of our wines," says Ken. "It's certainly an honour. We never dreamt that our wines would be in the legislature when we started out a few



Photos courtesy Fielding Estate Winery

Marg and Ken Fielding, who split their time between their home on Lake Kashagawigamog and their winery in Beamsville, were delightfully surprised when one of their reds and whites were chosen to be served in the Ontario legislature. This year they've had to double their production to 10,000 cases to keep up with demand.

years ago."

Plucked straight from the vines of Haliburton County, Ken and Marg Fielding grew up in Ingoldsby and Eagle Lake respectively. For the past 20 years they have operated Kenfield Enterprises Ltd., overseeing the operation of 210 Subway franchises across Central and Eastern Ontario from their Minden office.

Prior to their involvement in the Subway chain, the Fieldings were the first to bring fast food to Haliburton County, operating General Lee's Fried Chicken restaurants in both Haliburton and Minden. And oddly enough, the Fieldings contend that their extensive background in the fast food industry has helped them turn their winery into a smashing success.

"There are actually similarities between the two businesses, believe it or not. You're making a product for the consumer and have to control the costs and provide them with a positive experience," says Ken.

It was more than six years ago that the couple decided to try their hand at wine-making and began looking for land in the Niagara region. After a year and a half of searching for the perfect piece of property (and countless trips back and forth between Haliburton and Niagara) the Fieldings acquired a Beamsville pear farm in 2001 and went about converting the property into a top-notch vineyard reminiscent of home.

"It reminds us a great deal of this area because we're up on the escarpment, not down at Niagara-on-the-Lake, where it's flat and boring," jokes Ken.

With the aid of their son Curtis, who manages the winery, and his wife Heidi, who had previously helped launch Niagara's Jackson-Triggs winery, the Fieldings began growing their first grapes in 2001 and produced their first vintage in 2002. But since there was no winery at that point — only grapes — the first vintage, a cabernet merlot, was left to mature in barrels stored in the basement, with Curtis tending to it every day as though it were "his baby."

Hard work and dedication reaped immediate rewards for the Fieldings, proving you don't always need top of the line equipment to produce a top of the line product.

"In the first year we actually won five awards at the Ontario Wine Awards — and we weren't even really open," remarks Ken. "When we won people must have been thinking 'Who are these people?' because at that point we were virtually unknown but that kind of kicked things off to a fast start."

The 2002 cabernet merlot won gold medals in every contest it was entered in, and Ken says it was such an "awesome wine" that it nearly makes him cry that it's now gone. Of course, like anything in life, wine making must go on.

Within two years the family had a state-of-the-art winery erected, including temperature controlled tanks that are monitored by computers, and wind machines that mix warmer air from above with the cooler air near ground level, helping to prevent the vines from freezing in Canada's sometimes unforgiving climate.

"In Australia and Napa they have an endless supply of sunshine but here in Canada we don't have that luxury, so it's certainly more challenging to make wine here," says Ken. "Two of the last five winters it has been too cold down there, and it's actually frozen the vines. So you end up getting no fruit, even after doing the same amount of work to the vines."

And despite what one might assume, Fielding can attest that growing perfect grapes is a full-time job.

"I think most people wouldn't believe the immense amount of work that goes into growing grapes," he says. "When most people get their bottle of wine at the dinner table they probably have no idea how much work went into it."

But as challenging as the work in the vineyard may be, Marg says there is still an uphill battle to fight, even with a high quality product to sell. "One of the really big challenges is to get your wine out to the public and let them know that you're there," she says. "The bigger wineries have multiple sales reps across Ontario and unlimited marketing budgets."

After winning a handful of gold medals and earning the praise of the Ontario legislature, the Ontario Grape Growers of Ontario, and CBC wine commentator Konrad Ejch, the quality associated with Fielding Estate Winery seems to now speak for itself.

This year the Fieldings had to double their production — to roughly 10,000 cases — just to keep up with demand for their products, many of which now have waiting lists or are completely sold out.

However, as popular as their wines may become, Ken Fielding says that his family has no intention of trying to compete with Ontario's major wineries, some of which produce up to 100,000 cases each year.

"We have no desire to be big. We want to stay small and focus on our quality," he says. "We want to keep our customers happy and provide a good experience when they come to the winery."

"We're just going to continue to grow our business, and continue to keep doing what we're doing. So far we're pretty happy with the results," he says.

Wine lovers will raise my glass to that.



After buying a former pear farm, the Fieldings have built a successful winery with their son Curtis and his wife Heidi. The first year they had to store their barrels of wines in the basement.

The war on film

Next week's presentation of Joyeux Noel film highlights memories project

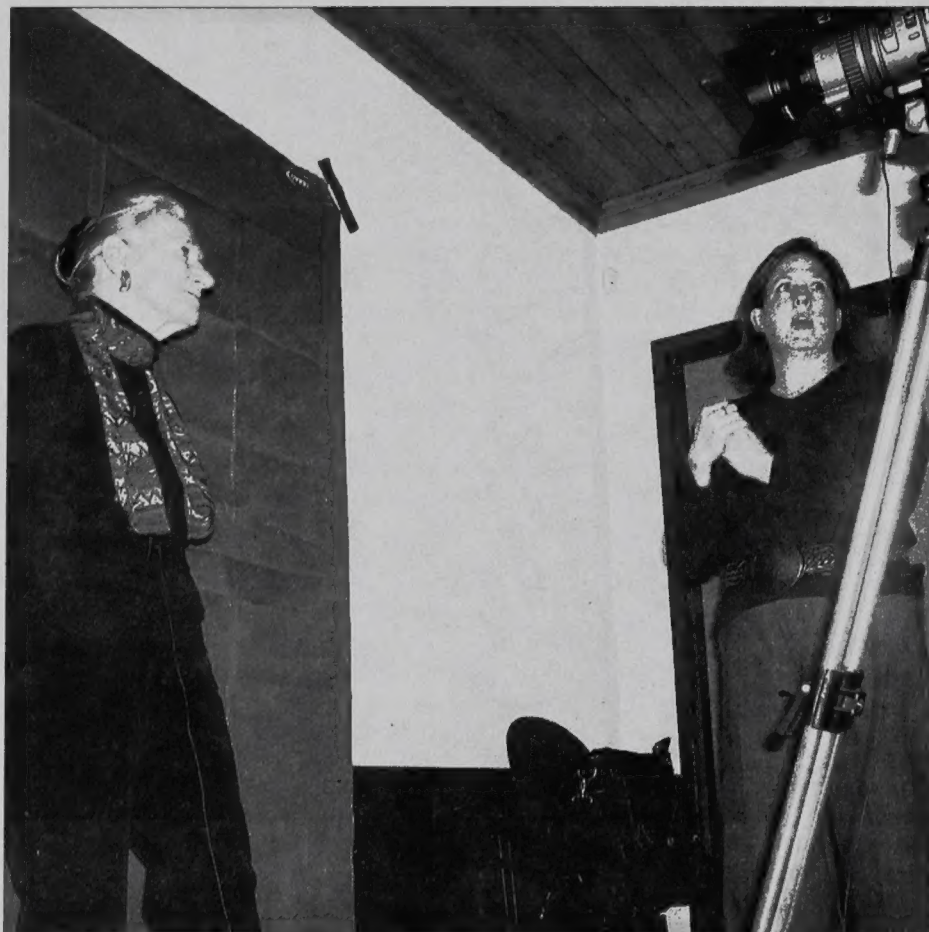
by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

Stanley and Jean Farrell arrived at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery to watch a free screening of Joyeux Noel on Monday. They showed up early for the movie presentation that was created especially for seniors and Legion members and, to their surprise, they experienced their own private show.

The movie is centered around letters written by First World War soldiers about the unofficial ceasefire on Christmas Eve 1914. Shown at the 2005 Cannes Film Festival, its ability to captivate the heart of war was a quality that made Tammy Rea, chair of Highland Media Arts, want to bring this film to Haliburton County.

The film is part of the Highland Media Arts' program entitled Those Other Movies. Through the Toronto Film festival, a variety of films are brought to smaller communities for viewing.

"Now the program is in almost 300 communities across Canada. The film festival lets us get amazing movies and it's highly subsidized. We saw this on the film circuit in Barrie in June and knew it would be a good show for Christmas,"



Jean Farrell, who served with the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in the Second World War, gets ready to share her memories with Tammy Rea of Highlands Media Arts.

says Rea.

Only two of the 23 seats were filled at the special screening on December 4 (tickets are available for the two showings at the Molou Theatre in Haliburton on December 14) but that didn't phase Rea. The point was not about filling seats but to provide access to a great film, even if it was for just the pair. By suggestion of Stanley and Jean's son, George, who's also very involved with Highlands Media Arts, the Farrells decided to watch in the gallery.

Stanley's father was in WWI; Stanley was in the air force from 1943-47. From 1943-44, Jean was a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Both enjoyed the film.

In addition to the movie screening, Rea and Carly Lacy, a volunteer Grade 10 student, asked the Farrells to be interviewed so that others, especially students, could learn from their experiences from war.

"Tammy already got a few other people and it was really touching," said Lacy.

Rea wants to capture local memories of what war was like for those within the community.

"How did people fall in love? What was it like to lose family members? We want to know these memories," says Rea.

The couple's memories will be added to similar interviews on people's stories of war, which will be showed between the Dec. 14 screenings of Joyeux Noel at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre.

The high school has already booked 90 of the 300 seats for the Dec. 14th viewing. In between the 1 pm and 7 pm showing, the Haliburton gallery will host an exhibit, which will include the filmed interviews of local residents. In addition, guest speakers and presentation of the film's director's notes will also take place.

Thousands of visitors drop by county's info centres

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Staff at the information centres throughout the county were kept very busy this past year, fielding almost 24,000 requests from people looking for something to do or someplace to stay in the Highlands.

In a report to county council, economic development officer Bob Smith said that the main information centre on Highway 35 in Minden had 8,300 people walk in with their questions, with an additional 2,700 contacts by phone or Internet.

In Haliburton the centre in the Rails End Gallery opened its doors to 10,400 visitors, many of whom wanted information about the county, not just Dysart. It was open from May to October.

County information was also available at the Dorset Museum which had 2,000 visitors. Most of the visits to the Water Trails office at the Frost Centre were for trail permits but roughly 75 people also sought information about other attractions in the Highlands.

The information centres in Cardiff and Gooderham would have benefited from better signage. The kiosks were open in July and August only and efforts were made to improve awareness of their presence. The Cardiff centre had 100 visits and the Gooderham Centre had 75.

Smith said that signage improvements were being worked on. Highlands East Deputy-reeve Bill Howe said that a sign on Hwy. 28 would enhance the number of visits from people travelling the major north-south corridor.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison repeated her request for some sort of presence in Carnarvon.

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The new Algonquin Highlands council was sworn in on Tuesday. Front row, from left: Clerk Angie Bird, Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner and CAO Lorne Mitchell. Back row: Councillor Diane Graham, Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner, Councillor Carol Moffatt and Councillor Don Shortreed.

Gardner's back as deputy

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

In a unanimous vote by council, Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner will hold onto his title for another four years, representing Algonquin Highlands at county council.

Gardner was sworn in, as were all members of the new Algonquin Highlands council, during a brief meeting on Tuesday, December 5.

"I feel I have the learning curve and now I'm prepared to go back on behalf of the county. At least now I have a few years' experience," said Gardner.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison is optimistic about her new team, and is happy that Gardner will continue to be by her side. The relationship between Harrison and Gardner dates back nine years. The pair sat on council in Stanhope prior to the amalgamation that took place in 2000.

"I am confident this new council can do great things," said Harrison.

Before formally welcoming Gardner as deputy-reeve, Harrison gave a fresh face a warm welcome: This will be Carol

Moffatt's first year with Algonquin Highlands council.

"I have a lot to learn," said Moffatt.

Although she's a newcomer, Harrison praised Moffatt's heavy involvement within the region and is positive she will be a great contributor to the group.

There was much applause and happiness throughout the brief meeting, but Harrison also took time to acknowledge that the new group will face many challenges.

A strategic 5- to 10-year plan for Algonquin Highlands, the completion of a 25-year waste management plan for the new year, and a business plan for the airport are some of the main objectives of council.

"I will be pursuing waste management at the county level. We need to find a location for our septage treatment," said Gardner.

With challenges in clear sight, the group is anxious to start up the new term.

"I am excited about the next four years. I think it's going to be challenging and I'm looking forward to it," said Gardner.

The first official Algonquin Highlands meeting will take place Thursday, December 7.

News flash: CBC's Bernie McNamee lends his voice to Dickens classic

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

The Highlands Male Chorus has reason to sing.

Christmas is just around the corner, and these local vocalists are ready to celebrate. Always a seasonal favourite, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will be performed by the group in Minden Church this Sunday, December 10 at 7 p.m. with a little help from local and Canadian celebrities.

Radio personality Bernie McNamee, host of CBC's *The World at Six*, will be one of five guest readers on stage. With more than 30 years of news experience, McNamee has travelled the world to bring the latest headlines to Canadians, making him a household name.

His trek to Minden is all part of CBC's outreach program. The CBC has well-known staff such as McNamee travel as guest Christmas Carol readers to help raise money for non-profit organizations. The idea to help local, non-profit organizations began in 1990, and has since blossomed into a nation-wide initiative.

Bob Wing, president of Highland Male Chorus, is grateful for CBC's

presence, giving the Highlands Male Chorus a celebrity boost to help raise money for Haliburton County's food banks.

"This time of year there is a big need. The money will give food banks some flexibility for turkeys or gifts for families in the area. We're going to divide the money equally among the four food

banks in Haliburton County. This is a great time of year to do this," says Wing.

Wing and fellow Highlands Male Chorus members will sing through the night, in between readings of the famous book.

"It's an honour for us to do this," said Wing.

McNamee will read alongside Haliburton's own Mike Jaycock, president of Canoe FM, Kathryn Boyd, a well-known local actress, Jack Brezina, Canoe FM's arts host

and former owner of Minden Times, and Wayne Cooper, professional musician and Haliburton high school teacher.

Wing says that Sunday's performance will not be a disappointment. Tickets are almost sold out. If you still would like to attend, tickets are available at Pharmasave in Minden or Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton, costing \$15 per person. Hurry soon, there's no doubt it'll be a full house.



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Protest bears fruit

NEWs THAT THE NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM at the Frost Centre plans to welcome the first campers next June is a testament to the power of the people.

The provincial government closed the former environmental education centre in July of 2004. It probably expected a local outcry but seemed totally unprepared for the lobbying maelstrom it set off. The Frost Centre has touched the lives of many people, not just those who live in the Highlands. And, as the recent Liberal leadership race attests, the environment ranks up there on voters' lists of priorities. The Frost Centre was the perfect place to not only learn about the environment but also discover ways to manage its resources in a sustainable way.

Public protest did not stop the former Bark Lake Leadership Centre from being sold so we can count ourselves lucky that the Frost Centre had some very resourceful advocates. (It probably didn't hurt that at least two provincial Liberal cabinet ministers cottage in the Highlands, including Gerry Phillips, who at the time was the head of the ministry responsible for dealing the Frost Centre. They certainly heard the message that people were not happy.)

There are many people who are disappointed that the Friends of the Frost Centre did not win the bid to take over operations. They had confidence in their sound business plan. They did not, however, have any working capital, and the government, while willing to invest money to get the centre's infrastructure up and running again, is still adamant that it will not contribute any operating costs.

The Friends, their fellow volunteer group Perma-Frost, and all the people who wrote letters, waved protest signs and joined the chorus of dismay over the closure of the Frost should be proud of what they have achieved. It was a heroic effort and everyone's the winner.

Changing of the guard

For the past few weeks, our humour columnist, Steve Galea, has had to get serious. Galea was filling in at the Times following the departure of staff reporter Bryn Weese (whom we liked to call our Minden bureau chief.) Weese is now doing well as a reporter at the North Bay Nugget, a daily newspaper in the Osprey chain.

We'd like to thank Galea for being so willing, and able, to help us out in a pinch. His contributions have been invaluable and he certainly knows a lot more about municipal politics than he did when he started!

This week you'll notice a new by-line in the Times. We welcome Jessica Young, a recent graduate of the University of Ottawa's communication program. She moved in on Saturday, started to work on Monday and is already embracing Highlands life as you can tell by her three stories in this week's paper. Next week she'll give you a better introduction but in the meantime, please call her with your story ideas.

The real countdown

Last-minute shoppers may be counting down the days till their last opportunity to make sure they have a gift for everyone on their list, but the really important countdown is often missed. Anyone who looks out their window at five o'clock and sees how dark it is knows that it's December 22 that really matters. That's the shortest day of the year, which means that after that, the light will start to return. Hallelujah!

Martha Perkins

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Rudolph the red-nosed Christmas ornament

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

The blame game

To the Editor:

It came to my attention in the last *Minden Times* that Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon stated that the municipal clerk Cheryl McCarroll was subject to verbal abuse by two defeated candidates. I'm sorry to hear that this happened as I have found that Cheryl is a very conscientious employee of Minden Hills and I believe that she handled the election to

the best of her ability.

I'm not prepared to leave any of the blame on Cheryl just because we were hooked up with a poor voting system.

In fact I think we have a very efficient staff in Minden Hills and would have loved to spend the next four years working with them.

Ingram Wessell
Lutterworth

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The gift that keeps on giving

IDON'T WANT TO SOUND too sophisticated but, on my desk, at this very moment, is an unopened gallon jar of pickled eggs. I originally bought them to take to deer camp in November. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on whether or not you sleep on the top bunk, I forgot to take that jar with me. It was only on my return that I realized that the gang at camp was denied the simple pleasure of a pickled egg - nature's perfect food.

What can you say about pickled eggs that the great painters, sculptors, and poets have not already said? How can mere words describe the exquisite texture and perfect shape bestowed upon these wondrous nourishments? And, more to the point, what does one man do with a gallon jar of pickled eggs? I mean, after his wife has threatened to leave if he eats them.

Well, I'm happy to say that it has taken me 44 years, but I have finally found the perfect Christmas gift for my sister. It has

been sitting here on my desk all along. I don't know why I didn't think of it before!

You know, a lot of credit is given to the apple but a pickled egg a day also keeps the doctor away. And that's something every brother wishes for his sister. Actually, a pickled egg, once it has worked its intestinal magic, pretty well keeps everyone away. Call it comfort food for the anti-social.

Now, I'm not suggesting that my sister is anti-social. Nothing could be further from the truth. But she is a single mom and there are times when I worry about her. It's not the first time, for instance, that she has had a difficult time dumping one of her metrosexual boyfriends. She says she can never find

the right way to let them down easy.

Well, after Christmas, this will never be a problem again. Whenever she wants to dump her man, all she need do is bring out that jar of pickled eggs along with a bottle of Mad Dog Number 9, which has been allowed to breathe at room temperature for several seconds, beside the spittoon that I got her last year. Once he realizes that this is the main course of a romantic dinner, he'll be out of her life forever. I doubt she'll

even have to open the jar. But, if she does, I think three eggs ought to do the trick. Two, if banjo music is playing in the background.

I'm truly excited about this. No longer will she be able to mock my taste in Christmas gifts. For a gallon jar pickled eggs, if I am not mistaken, is every woman's dream.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Why did they walk the line?

IT IS BECAUSE OF THAT NOTED leftist anti-war crusader Conrad Black that I know the basic story behind the next film in the Highland Media Arts' series, *Those Other Movies*.

The kindly Lord Black of Crossharbour and two other Toronto plutocrats, Trevor Eyton and John Bitove, heard a Toronto Sun circulation salesman named John McDermott sing *Danny Boy* at a company party.

They were so impressed that they bankrolled an album that started out as a gift to McDermott's parents but became an international best-seller that changed his life.

The singer's family were Glasgow Irish who came to Canada in the 1960s. There are a dozen songs on the album, mostly about the sadness of war, one song for each sibling in a family that is said to be the largest ever to immigrate to Canada.

One song, *Christmas In The Trenches*, is about the unauthorized ceasefires that stopped the shooting here and there on the western front for the first Christmas of World War One.

State-issued Christmas trees went up on the parapets of the German trenches and the voice of a German soldier singing *Silent Night* drifted across No Man's Land to the British trenches, no more than a couple of hundred feet away.

In the silence that accompanied the singing, German infantrymen put down their weapons and climbed out of their

trenches. The British held the unarmed men in their rifles sights for a moment and laid down their arms and climbed out to join them.

Little truces like that were informal and sporadic; in some places, the shooting never stopped. In other places, German soldiers rolled out kegs of beer and got British plum puddings in return, swapped tobacco and chocolate, shared family photographs, even played soccer. A German juggler cavorted in one neutral zone.

In a day or so, the carolers were back in the trenches, back to the business of killing one another. Most of them would be dead long before this most terrible of wars was over.

What history calls ceasefires sound more like little mutinies to me, defying the senior commands. With 92 years of hindsight, knowing the horror that World War One became, once the soldiers were out of the trenches, once they had proved they could do as they pleased, why didn't they all just go home?

It is a story just made for the movies, or so I thought the first time I heard John McDermott sing about its aftermath, about men shooting at their Christmas friends. "On both ends of the rifle, we're the same."

I decided to write a letter to somebody in Hollywood, perhaps Steven Spielberg, but I never got around to it.

It was years later that the French writer/director Christian Carion, who may never have heard of John McDermott, finally made *Joyeux Noel*, the fourth of *Those Other Movies*.

By all accounts, it is a splendid piece of work, much praised by critics. It is a natural fit for Carion, who plowed up the Great War's remnants, tilling the fields on his father's farm in



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

northern France.

You can decide for yourself about the movie, which has two showings on Dec. 14, a week from tomorrow. Call Tammy Rae (286-4179) for more information. McDermott's *Danny Boy* is still in the record stores.

The works of Carion and McDermott are a different kind of protest. The protest songs of the sixties that meant so much to my generation, the songs of Bob Dylan and Phil Ochs, were rants, sermons preached to the converted.

Often they were very good for what they were meant to be, but Dylan and the best of the protest singers moved beyond that. Real art shows you how things are and lets you decide what to think about them, instead of telling you.

It only makes sense. Heck, my sister is always going on about caviar which, if you think about it, is simply a smaller, less-pickled version of eggs. These ones are much bigger and, therefore I suspect, much more prized in the high falutin' circles she mingles with.

Oh, how could she not love them? The imagination soars when it envisages the miraculous journey these wondrous ovoids have embarked upon - from their humble beginnings beneath a relieved hen to their elegant display, swimming gracefully in a gallon jar alongside a bay leaf. I tell you, when the sun hits that jar just right, well, it just takes your breath away.

Yup, I suspect this is another one of those gifts, like the Billy Bass I bought her three years ago, that she will shed countless tears over. I still remember how good it felt to see her speechless for words. Hey, memories like that are what the holidays are all about - even for a hard-boiled guy like me.

Ochs might have sung *I Ain't Marching Anymore* but the traditional *Danny Boy* and *Loch Lomond*, both on McDermott's album, both stories of young men dying pointlessly in distant battles, make the argument for not marching anymore.

In a sense, the late Johnny Cash was as much of a protest singer as Dylan who famously idolized him. Cash often sang of injustice, about the lives of the poor and the down-trodden.

A *Boy Named Sue* was a novelty item on AM radio but the first time Cash performed it, its lyrics so new to him that he had to sing from his sheet music, the inmates at Folsom Prison that were his audience cheered wildly; it was a song about their lives.

World War One was a war without mercy, its events so far beyond the pale of human understanding, they now seem too absurd to be true.

Carion dropped one scene from his final cut because it seemed too far beyond belief. History records that a tomcat that had been moving back and forth between the trenches.

The French army decided the cat must be a spy, arrested it and executed it according to regulations. In his director's notes, Carion writes of trying to film the execution and extras refusing to be part of the crowd.

The scene was shot but then dropped in the final edit because, Carion explains, the audience would "never (believe) that such a thing happened."

But it did.

Show our soldiers you care

To the Editor:

After reading a letter from a soldier in Afghanistan which in part stated, "Thank you for taking the time to write. I didn't think the Canadian people cared about soldiers overseas", coupled with Master Cpl. Paul Franklin's remarks that the Canadian public has "dropped the ball

maybe a little bit", I began to wonder how uncaring we have become. Cpl. Franklin lost both legs in Kandahar and is one of over 200 soldiers wounded there.

No, Canadians are generally not uncaring. I believe we take over our good fortune too much for granted, and we forget to whom we owe this big debt.

My Christmas wish is that every

Canadian, especially here in the Haliburton Highlands will join me in sending greeting cards, and, or small parcels to Canadian soldiers around the world.

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Mabel B Hewitt
Minden

'The important thing is that the Frost Centre will be open'

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Education. The volunteer group put a lot of work into its bid and "we felt our bid reflected the needs of the community."

Martin phoned Al Aubry, the major shareholder of FCI, to congratulate him on Thursday after the announcement was made.

"The really important thing is that the Frost Centre will be open," says Martin. "It will be a big undertaking and if we can help at all we'll do that."

Martin is not sure of what the Friends' future will hold. "We're now having to look at what our options are - shutting down or we could be a client and bring groups to the FCI."

"I don't know if Al wants partnerships or we could just be advocates for environmental education."

Asked if the Friends have a role to play with FCI, Aubry says, "It's possible. Maybe not as an organization but there are good people there."

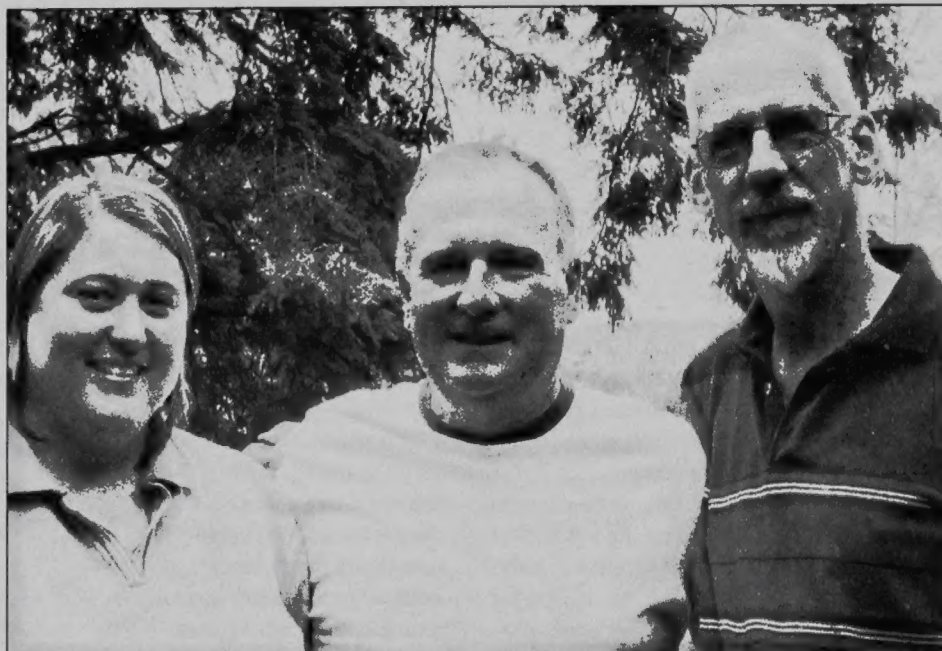
Perma-Frost, the lobbying group that formed after the MNR suddenly closed the Frost Centre in July 2004, had endorsed the Friends' bid. The CESE was

seen to carry on with the traditions of public accessibility for people of all income brackets while the FCI is using a higher fee structure for some of its programs, especially the five two-week camps in the summer.

"The announcement on November 30 that the Centre will be reopened is one that evokes a mixed reaction," says Perma-Frost member Dave Heaven. "We're relieved that it will be re-opened but will the government's choice restore what was so precious and vital there? Only time will tell."

"There is some sadness that those who knew the Frost Centre best, who communicated the vital messages of sustainability and wise resource management so well (and who so brilliantly took advantage of the surrounding lakes and forests to illustrate that message) were not chosen. At this point one can only hope that the Frost Centre Institute group will not hesitate to draw upon the expertise of those who made the former centre such a beacon and leader in the field of environmental education."

Jim Buttici is with corporate communications with the Ontario Realty



Al Aubry, a retired IBM Canada executive, centre, is the principal shareholder of the Frost Centre Institute, which has won the bid to re-open the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre south of Dorset. With him are partners Kyla Greenham, a biologist, and Wayne Rose, a teacher and artist. All three reside in the Haliburton Highlands and hope to have the Frost Centre welcoming its first campers in six months.

Corporation, which has had responsibility for the buildings since the closure. Asked about concerns of public accessibility and the perceived business nature of FCI's bid, Buttici notes that ownership of the Frost Centre has not changed; it remains in hands of the provincial government. Lease agreements are still being worked out and "as a lessee the government has final say

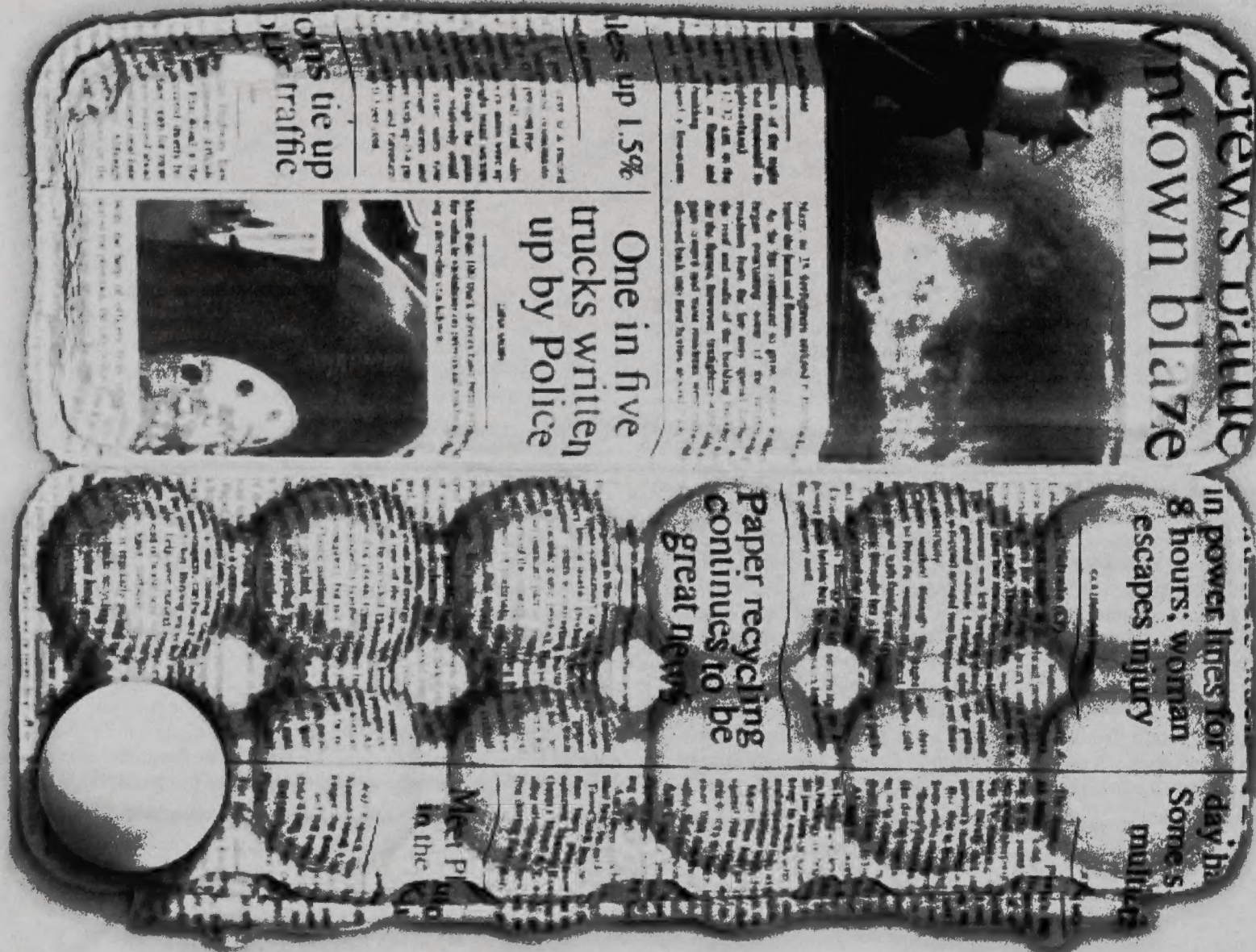
on what happens to the property."

In a press release from the province, FCI is said to have provided the "best-value bid."

David Caplan, the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, says, "This is the next chapter in the process to breathe new life into the Frost Centre, which supports

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Public access to lake and trails remains

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the government's priorities of healthy living and wellness through recreation and outdoor activities. Our government is keeping its promise to the community to re-open the facility with a viable new operator, while ensuring the facility's infrastructure is in good operating condition when the time comes."

Local MPP Laurie Scott says she's pleased that FCI plans on having the centre open by June 2007. "I'm confident this will ultimately help the local economy through renewed opportunities for tourism, education and recreation."

Public access to Lake St. Nora, a boat ramp and portage routes, as well as all the hiking trails on the adjoining 23,000 hectares of Crown land, will continue through a long-term licence with the Township of Algonquin Highlands. It operates a part of the Frost Centre grounds to operate the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, which manages the canoe routes and campsites on the property.

Josh Matlow is a trustee with the

Toronto school board who took particular interest in the Frost Centre. With his background as an environmental activist, he not only helped Perma-Frost lobby the government to re-open the centre but also held discussions with the ORC and Caplan's office about its future.

"This is probably the best resolution we could hope for," he says. Although public opinion sided with the Friends' bid, he says it's time to move forward with FCI's proposal. "If the Institute is saying it has a sustainable proposal, what we can count on is the Frost Centre will continue to be there in the future. If the goal is to continue to have environmental education and the ability to bring in business, I think this will be an admittedly imperfect but strong success..."

"We've probably found a resolution that's better than what could have been, but I wish the government hadn't closed the Frost in the first place," he adds. That said, "We'll either continue for years resenting it was closed or work with all groups to make this possible. We have to be pragmatic and look at the reality of the situation. Let's make this work."

Matlow is very optimistic that Ontario school students will continue to have access to the Frost Centre's resources. "I'm hopeful that the final agreement will have a strong focus on environmental education and accessibility."

Following vociferous public protest after MNR closed the Frost Centre because it was losing money and no longer reflected the ministry's "core values", the government agreed to form the working committee which, a year later, encouraged the government to seek proposals from groups or individuals interested in operating the collection of buildings south of Dorset. The committee had two major caveats: the Frost Centre should continue to remain in public hands as a place of environmental learning and that should a feasible option not be found, the buildings should be torn down.

The committee's chair, former Fleming College president Brian Desbiens, was not available for comment.

For a detailed report on Aubry's successful bid see the December 5 issue of the *Haliburton County Echo* or visit www.haliburtonecho.ca.

MPP pleased centre will re-open

Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, expressed her appreciation to all those involved in pressuring the McGuinty Liberals to re-open the Leslie M. Frost Centre in Haliburton County.

"I want to thank the Frost Centre Working Committee who put together an extensive proposal of guidelines, under which the Frost Centre should re-open," said Scott. "The Perma-Frost group was also instrumental and helped to draw much public attention and obtained more than 10,000 signed petitions, which I presented to the Legislature. They, along with myself and MPP Norm Miller, have worked tirelessly in order to pressure the government to re-open the Centre."

"Our combined efforts have made the government realize how important the Frost Centre is to this community and the thousands of people who visited it every year before it was closed."

The Ministry has established a re-opening target for the Frost Centre for June of 2007 and Scott says she will be the first person they hear from should that date not be met.

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Break out your binoculars, birdwatchers

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times Staff

More wintry weather will prompt those of you who haven't yet started your winter bird feeders to fill them up. If you've waited 'til now, it may take a while to attract birds to your yard. The reason for this is the bumper crop of seeds on all trees. When wild food is abundant, birds are not as dependent on hand-outs. The good news is that many more goldfinches, pine siskins, purple finches, chickadees and nuthatches stayed in Haliburton County to enjoy the bounty. They can be enticed to feeders with Niger seed, peanuts and suet. Sunflower seeds are still a welcome addition to their diet as well.

While the wild food crop here is the best in years, the bounty extends far to the north and west, so that pine and evening grosbeaks, redpolls and crossbills may not need to come south in numbers to find food. A few crossbills and

grosbeaks have ventured as far south as Algonquin, but redpolls haven't appeared, although they may as the season progresses.

It's too early to predict how much open water will remain by December 16, but the high flow from this fall's heavy rains means fast-flowing streams will remain ice free, even in quite cold weather. This may concentrate waterfowl along the Gull River system. Also look for bald eagles there looking for fish at the edge of any ice that forms.

Ruffed grouse are at a low in their population cycle, but wild turkeys should have had a fairly easy winter last year, and should have been able to fatten up on beechnuts, acorns and abundant maple keys this fall.

Yellow birch seeds are a favourite food of many small finches, as well as chickadees and nuthatches. Normally confined to evergreens, these birds will be scattered throughout hardwood forests to access this food source.

An unusually large southward movement of northern

woodpeckers seems to be occurring this fall. Black-backed and three-toed woodpeckers are roughly equivalent in size to hairies and downies respectively. They differ in appearance in having much more extensive areas of black, (the whole upper side in black-backs), and extensive black barring on the flanks. Where male hairies and downies each have a red spot at the back of the head, males of these two species have a dot of yellow. They don't often come to feeders, tending to feed by stripping the bark off dying trees, mainly evergreens, to get at the insect larvae hiding underneath. Especially with black-backs, trees they've been working on are particularly noticeable as the reddish under bark is exposed and the snow below is littered with discarded bark. This is the best clue to their presence. Often their tapping is rather quiet. Calls are given infrequently, sounding somewhat blackbird-like. Look for them on newly-dead trees in beaver ponds, or wherever groups of evergreens have been recently killed. Accompanying this movement of woodpeckers seems to be a southward push of gray jays, all the more reason to put out lots of suet.

This year's bird count has the potential to be one of the most exciting in years, but only with your help. The fact that many birds will be scattered about the countryside feeding on the wild food crop means the more eyes and ears that tune in to their presence the greater the success will be.

The 39th annual Christmas bird count takes place on Saturday, December 16.

The count circle is fifteen miles across. It extends from Kinmount and Moore Falls in the south to Mountain Lake in the north, from Bob Lake in the west to Lochlin and Irondale in the east.

Contact Ed Poropat (457-3018 or edporopat@halhinet.on.ca) or Thom Lambert (457-9110 or singing.dog@sympatico.ca) as soon as possible to join a group on December 16.

To report birds at your feeder, phone 286-1189 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on December 16, or phone Ed or Thom on December 17. Or you can e-mail or mail your results to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd. Whitby, ON. L1N 9Z7 or dbarry@interlinks.net.



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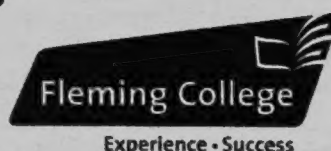
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An early visit to Dorset

The Dorset Lions Club held its annual children's Christmas party Saturday at the recreation centre. The special guest was Santa Claus, who brought gifts for the children.

Above left: Emily Walisser, 2, of Dorset prepares to open the gift she's just received from an older and bigger Santa.

Above: Peri Coombs, 5, of Dorset shows a friend the candy cane she's getting ready to eat to get into the Christmas spirit.

Above: Zachary Aubin smiles after receiving his Christmas gift from the jolly old elf.

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Wolves forward skates in big lights

by KRISTEN BROWNELL
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AAA Central Ontario Wolves forward Jordan Howe made it to the big league, briefly.

And he'll never forget it.

"Oh man, it was so much fun," Jordan says. "It's something I'll definitely remember for a really long time."

The 11-year-old Minden resident led the starting line-up onto the Air Canada Centre ice on Nov. 20, carrying the Maple Leafs flag, as part of the McDonald's In the Line Up with the Toronto Maple Leafs program.

Jordan is playing in his first year with the Central

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Jordan Howe had the opportunity to lead the Toronto Maple Leafs out onto the ice at the Air Canada Centre on November 20, proudly bearing the Maple Leafs flag.

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In The Line Up program lets young players lead an NHL team to the ice

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Ontario Wolves Minor Peeewees after being selected from the Haliburton Highland Storm A. He earned the NHL duty as the lucky winner of a draw held for all novice to major peewee players with the AAA Central Ontario Wolves.

New for the 2006-2007 season, the In The Line Up program was launched for the first time during the Leafs' season opener Oct. 4. Young hockey players get to usher their NHL heroes onto the ice at the ACC and stand with the starting line-up while the national anthem is played. The program was inspired by the site of young players standing with their heroes during the anthems at the 2006 FIFA World Cup of Soccer and features one randomly chosen player from Ontario minor hockey associations, born between 1994 and 1999.

"I was pretty excited at first, I didn't believe it. I was like, 'Are you kidding me?'" Jordan said of learning he was selected to attend the game.

Jordan was announced in front of the crowd and his picture was displayed on the ACC scoreboard as he circled the rink and led the Leafs out.

His favourite part of the night was skating out onto the rink.

"When I was standing out there and looking up, everything was so big," he says. "I was really nervous. It was pretty crazy. I didn't want to believe it, it was so crazy."

Jordan's mom, Tracy, couldn't believe it either. She said she was also nervous as she stood and watched her son go around the rink.

"It was really exciting, but, oh my gosh I was so nervous," said Tracy. "I was trying to videotape it, but I couldn't stop

shaking," she said, noting she was extremely proud of Jordan because it was a chance of a lifetime.

At the end of Jordan's on-ice stint he was given a Leafs jersey and tickets to enjoy the game.

Because the first 15 dates for In The Line Up were filled through minor hockey associations, the remaining 26 dates for this season will be filled through an online contest at www.mapleleafs.com. The program is currently running with the Vancouver Canucks, Edmonton Oilers and the Ottawa Senators. In addition to the already existing opportunities, the program will stage a national contest where 12 kids will be selected from across the country to attend the 2007 NHL All-Star game in Dallas, Tex., on

Jan. 24. Like their successors, the children chosen will also get to stand on the blue line during the singing of the national anthems.

From now until Dec. 17, parents can enter for a chance to win. The young hockey players must be between the ages of seven and 12, residents of Canada, registered in a Hockey Canada program or league and be able to skate. In addition each child, along with their parent or guardian, will receive round-trip airfare, three nights hotel accommodation, official player escort uniform, two tickets to attend the NHL Super Skills event, Two tickets to the Young Stars game and a MasterCard with \$1,000 spending money.

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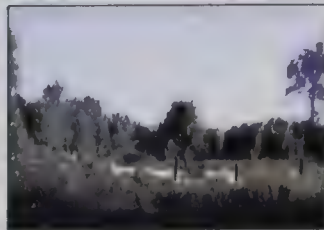
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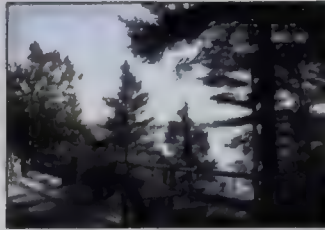
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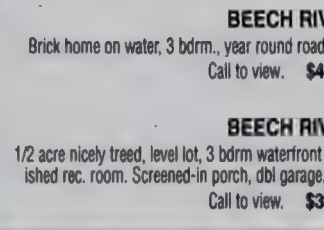
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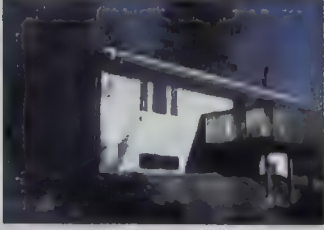
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Backhaus is a waitress at Millpond Restaurant. She also owns and operated Krista's Bait N' Bites in Halls Lake. Backhaus and her husband, Dennis Connolly, have three sons, two daughters and four grandchildren. With her windfall, Backhaus plans to start building their cottage.

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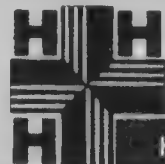
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If you would like to help us "Reach for The Future" this Holiday Season, your gift can be sent to **Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Box 1413, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 or Box 30, Minden ON K0M 2K0**, you can deposit your gift in the donation boxes at the Minden and Haliburton facilities, or you can donate on-line at www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation.htm.



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**The Council of the
Township of Minden Hills**
would like to extend an
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Christmas Dance

to be held in the Auditorium of the
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ON
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Birthday bash celebrates Lilian Millar's 100th birthday



STANHOPE LIFE

Pauline Johnson
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Last Sunday Lilian Elizabeth Millar celebrated her 100th birthday with her family at a special lunch at Hyland Crest in Minden. She was formerly Lilian Brennand, nee Staples. Lilian has been living at Hyland Crest since she was 94. Turned out in all her finery, her daughter, Sue Reid of Minden, said she was as gracious as ever, thanking all for coming.

Lilian chose to spend a huge part of her life in Algonquin Highlands, specifically Stanhope — 50 years of summers, to be exact. In 1956, a friend whom she went to university with — Tom Parry — convinced her to work as a dietician at Camp Kawabi on Big Hawk Lake. Nothing could keep her away after that.

The youngest daughter of Toronto artist, Owen Staples, Lilian attended the University of Toronto and graduated in 1931 in the same class as Agnes Jamieson, after whom the art gallery in Minden is named. They were also in the same sorority. Lilian's older brother, William Owen Staples, was an artist who painted on Gull Lake at "high rock", so the entire family felt at home in Haliburton County.

Lilian met her first husband at Bigwin Inn in the late 1920s. She worked in the kitchen and he played in the Inn's orchestra. They had two children, Sue Reid, now of Minden and Tom Brennand Jr. who lives in Kitchener. Lilian's husband went on to play the viola for the Toronto Symphony and then they moved to Cleveland where he played in the symphony for 30 years. When he retired, they moved back to Toronto.

Lilian had been coming to Camp Kawabi for years during the summers and had purchased a lot nearby. She and her husband built a big cottage on it and spent from May to November there until Tom died in 1974. It has stayed in the family, becoming a retreat for everyone now.

Lilian's second marriage to Jack Millar lasted 20 years before she was alone again and moved to Hyland Crest.

Her daughter, Sue Reid, used to come to Camp Kawabi with her in the summers. While Lilian worked in the kitchen, Sue taught swimming lessons from the age of 15. That's where she met her husband, Fred, during one of those summers. They now live in Minden where Sue spends a lot of time volunteering at the Cultural Centre.



Lil Millar holds her great grandson, Griffin Owen Jackson, while (from left) granddaughter, Heather Reid, from Little Hawk Lake, daughter, Sue Reid from Minden and Big Hawk Lake and granddaughter, Wendy Reid-Jackson look on.

Sue created a book of memories for her mother and other members of the family. Many sent their stories to her and she compiled a family volume, making copies for all. She said it was quite a job, but obviously a labour of love.

Lilian became a great grandmother last spring, creating four generations in the family. A wonderful life surrounded by family and friends. What more can anyone ask?

Another tea party celebration will be held on Thursday, December 7 for the residents of Hyland Crest. Any opportunity to socialize and enjoy good food is a treat for them.

On a different note, the board of directors of the Friends of the Frost Centre received official news last week that the Ontario government had decided to do business with the

FCI group to open and operate the Frost Centre.

The Friends had played a critical role in its re-opening. Barrie Martin says, "We extend congratulations to the FCI Group and hope to help out where we can. We now need to consider what the future role of the Friends will be. We will explore and present our options at our annual general meeting on January 6, 2007. Please mark it on your calendar. More details to come. We hope you will be able to join us."

Barrie and other board members deserve the community's gratitude for the sustained effort they put into the re-opening. They set an example for all who are passionate about wanting the best for Haliburton County.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatic0.ca or call (705) 489-3878. Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope, what Stanhope residents are up to or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.

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TOM JR.

TOM SR.

Get organized amidst flurry of Christmas events

Seated at my cluttered desk there is a sense of relief on learning the Canoe FM announcer's reminder that today was officially Get Organized Day. This day honours historical events in the labour union movement and has nothing to do with my unfinished Christmas shopping. I plan to re-read my Feng Shui book again on decluttering your environment if I could just find it under all this stuff.

From the upstairs window the hill resembles a Christmas card winter scene and while the blue jays eagerly announce the daily filling of the kitchen porch feeders the black-capped chickadees are still absent. The ponies have grown their rough winter coats, yellow lab King delights in rolling in snow and Clarence has decided to once again become an indoor cat. Over the past few days Mother Nature has clearly declared who is in charge with her ice pellets, snow and winds resulting in pesky power outages. Maybe She knew that Get Organized Day was approaching and decided to get Herself on schedule a little too abruptly at least for the two-legged inhabitants of this old farmhouse.

The John McGrath Branch 441 Royal Canadian Legion Kinmount is a busy place with several upcoming events. On Saturday, December 9 after the Meat Draw, which starts at 4 p.m., back by popular demand there will be the special Christmas edition of Name That Tune & Trivia at 6 p.m.. Enjoy lots of fun and prizes along with a light lunch. While there is no admission charge a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Kinmount & District Lions Club would be much appreciated.

The Christmas Big Bucks Bid euchre will be held a week earlier than usual on Wednesday, December 13 at 11 a.m. with a \$10 admission charge with light lunch to follow.

On Friday, December 15 it's Christmas Bingo at 6:30 p.m. with turkeys, hams, cash prizes and a \$300 must-go jackpot.

Please note that advance tickets for the New Year's Eve Party with Steve McCulloch can be ordered by calling the Legion at 488-3462 after 4 p.m.

Kinmount United Church on Cluxton Street invites everyone to its Christmas Carol Concert this Sunday, December 10 at 2 p.m.. The Church, built in 1867, is beautifully decorated and the familiar chords of the traditional carols will sound even sweeter played on the new Yamaha piano. A warm welcome awaits you there.

There is still time to reserve your spot for the Kinmount & District Business Association's annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16 at the Legion starting at 7 p.m.. Tom Lang advises that this year's event is open to all those involved in business and related activities. For more information give him a call at 488-2211.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Please note that some events were not held last Friday, December 1 due to weather conditions.

November 28 contract bridge at Stanhope: It was our bridge correspondent Ross Fletcher who led the high scores at 5850 followed by June Branning 5800, Bruce Armstrong 5310 and Harold Cox 4890. Dorothy Strype won the lucky draw and Jacqueline Metcalf the Shiny Penny while Ross received the B.N.T.T.B Award reminding everyone to better Be Nice To The Boss.

November 28 euchre at Gelert: Harold Harvie reports that Gerald Hicks won for lone hands and Hazel Benetin took the draw. High score holders were Rita Crofts and Kevin Maloney with Betty Hicks and Harold recording the evening's lows.

November 28 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Topping the



AROUND THE TOWN

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charts was Trudy Kroes at 294 with Len Kroes second at 282 while tied for third spot at 254 were Verna McDonald and Albert Foster. Eight moonshots went to Gala Stamp, Elli Langpohl, Albert Foster, Tom Grix, Don Burch, Verna McDonald, Margaret Fletcher and Pat Roussel with Tom Grix, Marcy Morgan, Kevin Maloney and Helen Henderson winning the draws.

November 28 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: First place went to Joan Meadows and Helen Skelding at 339 with George Hamilton going solo for second at 298. Our reporter Pearl Cowen teamed up with Cliff Davison for third at 289 and the afternoon's low of 193 went to Shirley Alderton teamed with Doug Burch.

November 29 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Margo Davidson and Muriel McIntosh were first at 65% then Norma Crewson and Joan Galley at 56% and Mayme Douglas partnered with Ret Murray at 55%.

November 29 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots rained down on Bill Milford, Don Burch [2], Percy Butler, Linda Lambert, Garth Windsor, Jack Cox [2], and our reporter Gala Stamp. Tom Grix led the whites at 314 with Jack Cox 286 second and Chris Clarke 273 third. For the pinks it was Linda Lambert first at 281 then Muriel Harrington 280 and Gala Stamp 276.

November 29 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: It was a family affair with both Emily and Harold Harvie winning for high scores ladies/men. Thelma Frances was low lady while Mike St. Thomas proved a triple threat taking the prizes for low hands, lone hands and the draw.

November 30 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to our reporter May Bradbury and Tom Grix with

Gala Stamp and Bob Pollard recording the high scores. Helen Skelding and Kevin Maloney had the evening's lows with the other prizes going to Lois Adamson, John Mallon, Verna McDonald [2] and Don Burch.

December 2 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Members of the moonshot quartet were Pat Roussel [2], Eileen Shepstone, Emily Harvie and Jean Scadden. Pat Roussel led the pinks at 191 followed by Maria Tschida 167 and Emily Harvie 153. For the whites Eileen Shepstone was tops at 233 then Marcel Roussel 228 and Jesse Barlow 182. The draw winners were Pat Bailey, Pearl Cowen and Isobel Cherwenka.

December 4 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club: Holding the most lone hands were Pearl Cowen and Lois Adamson with Verna McDonald and Betty Sharpe taking home special prizes. High scores went to Verna McDonald and Lorna Hicks while Laura Carnegie and Betty Sharpe tallied up the afternoon's lows with the skunk dropping by to visit Ellen Holden.

December 4 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: In first was Tom Grix with Dana Briscoe second high and Marcy Morgan third. Moonshots went to Dana Briscoe, Tom Grix, Sharon Atkinson and our reporter Theresa Deak who also won the draw.

December 4 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Helen Skelding won for high hands, Verna McDonald [on a three way cut of the cards] for lone hands and Maria Tschida for both low hands and the special prize.

December 4 cribbage at Minden Legion: Lois Adamson led the scoring with Ann Cundall second and Joe Rivers third. The other prizes were won by Maxine Cross, Bob Cleverly, Lorna Hicks and Edith Burch. Thanks to Elva Paisley for her update.

December 4 euchre at Club 35: In the lone hands column it was Jean Randell while Leroy Mowat won the bologna. High score holders were Colleen Davison and Wally Harpur with Clara Miscio and Alvin Cowen taking the evening's lows. Our reporter Garth Windsor adds it was a pleasure for all her Club 35 friends to welcome back Mary Pearson.



The Rotary Club of Minden donated \$1700 raised through community projects, including the Rotary carnival, to the Minden Food Bank. The cheque was presented at a recent club meeting. From left: Rick Ratcliffe, food bank chair Barbara Walford-Davis, Joanne Penfold, Jeanne Anthon, Bill Obee, Kathleen Lang, Bill Roodenburg, Bob Walli, Jim Wilson and Ed Pergolis.

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Shirley Kirk
Administrative Clerk

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on December 14, 2006 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 05-03
Applicant - **CROSS, Andrew**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 30, Concession 1, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8457, registered September 22, 2006.
2. File No. 06-06
Applicant - **BROWN, James and Karen**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8477, registered October 18, 2006.
3. File No. 06-07
Applicant - **BROWN, Karen**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8477, registered October 18, 2006.
4. File No. 06-08
Applicant - **WRIGHT, Trudy Debbie**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 13, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8479, registered October 24, 2006.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

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what's happening in the Highlands

CALENDAR

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- **Dec. 6:** A Vigil of Remembrance of the Montreal Massacre and a ceremony to honour women and their accomplishments will be held from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. at the Village Green (the parkette beside the CIBC on Bobcaygeon Road) in Minden. All are welcome.
- **Dec. 6:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.
- **Dec. 6:** Christmas in Carnarvon at Zion United Church, 7:30 p.m. All ladies welcome.
- **Dec. 7:** Outpost Historic House Museum – Christmas Open House. Thurs., 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments. Natural decorations.
- **Dec. 7:** Victorian Tea at Harcourt Chapel on Thursday, December 7., 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 7:** Kinmount Celebrates "Lights Across Canada – Thurs., Dec. 7, 7 p.m., Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Refreshments following the lighting of the tree. Visit with Santa, Carol Singing, hot chocolate and cookies. Join us for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Sponsored by The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. Floats to assemble by 1:30 p.m. at Tim-Br-Mart Lumber. For more info. Call 488-2635.
- **Dec. 9:** Roast Beef Dinner, Haliburton United Church, Sat., 5:30 p.m. Children under 6 free. Tickets avail. from church office or a Mission Trip Team Member, Masters Bookstore. Silent Auction. A fund raiser for (TM).
- **Dec. 10:** Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade – Starts at school 12:45. Still time to enter a float. Call Lynn at 448-3674 or Joanne at 448-2194 for information. Santa meets the children at the Lloyd Watson Centre where parade ends.
- **Dec. 10:** Maple Lake United Church – Lessons & Carols service at 10 a.m.
- **Dec. 10:** Highlands Male Chorus presents CBC's "Like the Dickens", 7 p.m. – A Christmas Concert in word and song at Minden United Church. Proceeds to the Food Banks of Haliburton County.
- **Dec. 10:** Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols. St. Paul's Church, Minden at 4:00 p.m. St. Paul's Choir, organist Elaine Bell, guest soloists Janice Kiteley & Nicole Jennings. Refreshments to follow.
- **Dec. 10:** Northern Lights Vocational is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Dec. 10:** Community Carol Service Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Wilberforce United Church with St. Margaret's Church hosting.
- **Dec. 11:** Highlands Wind Symphony – 8th Annual Christmas Concert. Mon., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. Tickets avail. at: Masters Bookstore, Haliburton; Pharmasave Drugstore, Minden. For info call 457-2862.
- **Dec. 12:** The Highlands East Figure Skating Club are having a Christmas Ice Show entitled "Toy Parade" at the arena on Tuesday, December 12 at 7 p.m. A family skate follows from 7:30 to 8:30. Admission by donation.
- **Dec. 12:** Blue Christmas Service at Minden United Church, 7:30 p.m. A meditative service.
- **Dec. 13:** Lochlin United Church annual community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol sing-along", Wed., 7:30 p.m. Lochlin Rd. off County Rd. #1, Lochlin. Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food Bank gratefully accepted.
- **Dec. 14:** Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 129 Haliburton – General meeting, Thurs., 7:30 p.m. It is very important that members attend this meeting!
- **Dec. 14:** Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach. Our last stop of the year will be on Thurs., Dec. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be having a Christmas party that day and Santa will be visiting the children at circle time. Please let us know if you will be attending. Our first visit in the New Year will be Jan. 11, 2007. Call for more information 457-2989.
- **Dec. 14:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
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- **Dec. 15:** Bring your family to the Gooderham Christmas family music night Friday, 7 p.m. at the Gooderham United Church located on Hwy. 503 just west of 507. If you find the stress mounting and you need a little break. Let's all get back to the basics.

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- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **If you are a senior (55+)** or a physically disabled adult (18+) and like to play cards, Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge every Mon. afternoon at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre is offered every Thurs. afternoon at 1 p.m. and Cribbage is offered every Fri. at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- **Every Wednesday:** Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine St., in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
- **Community Care** is looking for Brokered Workers to provide Home Help in Gooderham & Haliburton and Home Maintenance in the Wilberforce area. They offer seniors and adults with disabilities assistance with light housekeeping, yard work, snow shoveling, etc. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info. or to become a registered brokered worker, call Roxanne at 457-2941.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **The Minden Women's Institute** meets at 1:30 p.m. every 3rd Wed. of the month. Contact 286-1588 or 754-1656 for information

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE

TO ALL RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

Please take notice that effective immediately, the emergency brush dumps located within the Township of Algonquin Highlands created by the municipality during the summer tornados to receive storm-related brush and debris are hereby closed and will not receive any further materials.

The Township will continue to receive "storm related" brush and debris (excluding stumps) at the Maple Lake Landfill Facility located off of North Shore Road until December 31, 2006.

We thank all residents of the Township for their co-operation and understanding during and after the devastating storm event that occurred on August 2, 2006.

Brian Whetstone
Manager of Operations



Township of Algonquin Highlands

Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Mr. Alastair Mavor
Part Lot 17 Concession 4, Beech Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has by resolution declared part of an original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 17 Concession 4, Beech Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 17 Concession 4, geographic Township of Stanhope described as follows:

FIRSTLY: All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 17 Concession 4 more particularly described as Parts 1 and 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-8451.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 21st day of December, 2006 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: November 20, 2006

Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM 1
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The YWCA is a woman led organization that exists to support the right of all women and their families to live free from violence, poverty, and oppression.

We seek a Coordinator to manage, coordinate and develop YWCA Outreach Services and Programs for women and their families in Haliburton and Peterborough Counties. This includes supervision of outreach services staff in our rural and urban violence against women outreach services and food action initiatives, administrative functions, participation in management team, and shared on-call supervisory duties. The ability to work under pressure and effectively handle many tasks at one time is needed to be successful in this position. Start: December 2006. 35 hours/week. Office location: Minden and Peterborough. Salary Range: \$38,523 - 45,660 plus benefit package.

Qualifications: post secondary education in women's studies/social services, or related field, with a minimum of three year management/supervisory experience.

Skills we seek: demonstrated ability to be an effective leader, manage and coordinate programs (daily operations, transitions and change), and work proactively with staff teams in a unionized workplace using a collaborative management style; sound understanding of violence against women and poverty issues, related legislation and a demonstrated ability to deliver direct services; skills in program development, evaluation, budgeting, conflict resolution and problem-solving; communications, fundraising, and public speaking; knowledge of large group dynamics, commitment to anti-oppression work, proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet Communications and own transportation. Must be effective communicator in English, with other languages, including ASL, an asset. Travel between Minden and Peterborough is required.

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B. McEwen, Director of Shelter and Outreach,
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Please visit the U-Links website for more details
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My **Heartfelt Thanks** go out to Dr. Mike Armstrong, Emergency Dr's., Acute Care & Emergency nurses, the Physiotherapy Dept., and to all the Staff at Haliburton Hospital for their kind care and support of my husband, Keith. Thank you to all EMS Ambulance drivers for their safe transport to and from Toronto and Peterborough. **A Special Thank You to EVERYONE** - family, friends, neighbours, Haliburton Curling Club, Youth Curlers, Field Naturalists, Quilt Guild, Step-It Fitness Group and my Book Club gals for all the phone calls, emails, offers of help, cards of support and condolence, and donations made in Keith's name during this very difficult time. Thank you to Dwaine, Lori, Craig and Molly at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for your support and assistance. Special thanks to Rev. Faun Harriman for her thoughtful service and to John Menzies for honouring my music selections. Haliburton County is truly a "caring community".

My fondest appreciation,
Mary Lou Waggett

Thank You Cards

LOUCKS - We would like to specially thank our three daughters and our son and their spouses, also to our grandchildren for their speeches for our wonderful surprise 40th Anniversary party at the Minden Arena. Thank you to relatives, friends and neighbours for their beautiful cards, gifts, food dishes and telephone calls. A big thank you to all who came and made this day a memorable one for us. Thanks so much again.
- Elaine and Randal Loucks. 10453000

In memoriam

SHAPIERA - In loving memory of my dear husband Joe Shapiera, 1928-2005.
Always on mind,
Forever in my heart
- Love and miss you always, Eileen. 10449290

Deaths

DEANS, Joyce Bernice - Passed away peacefully, in her sleep, at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, December 3, 2006 at the age of 80.

Beloved wife of George Deans of Minden. Loving mother of Catherine (deceased), Barbara Phillips, and Elizabeth Deans. Loving granny of David Deans, Wayne Patterson, Justin Deans and great granny of Savannah. Dear sister of Walter, Donny, Raymond, Eleanor and Audrey.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 from 12:00 o'clock noon until 3:00 pm.

Cremation will follow. A reception will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 636, Minden.

Memorial Donations to the Lung Association or to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. 10486430

In memoriam

BURK, Norma - You're always in our hearts. In memory of Norma Burk, December 6, 2003.

Your life on this earth seemed so short,
For those you left behind.
We had no control; it was in God's Court.
As He took you from the line.
You touched our heart in so many ways.
And kept us close to you,
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And wish you were here too.
We miss your love and laughter, as you gave
it to the end.
You were the best wife, mother, sister, nana,
and a friend.
I am trying hard to fill your role,
And look after those you love.
But sometimes it takes its toll,
As I look to you above.
Life does go on, so we're told, and yes we
know it's true.
Forgive us for being bold,
Cause all we feel is blue.
We know you're in a better place,
Free from all suffering and pain,
Before we sleep, we picture your face and
Cry whenever it rains.
We know someday we will meet again
And no, there will be no other.
To take your place in this world,
As special as our mother.
We love you and we will take care of each
other.
Until we meet again.
- Love your kids Toad and Lee, Newfer and
Tracy, Abby and Chad, And your Grandsons
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you and miss you Nana.

10461317

JOHNSTON, Glen Michael - In loving memory of a dear son and brother who left us too soon at the age of 33 years. Dec. 5, 1989.

If we could visit heaven on this very sad day,
Then maybe for a moment the pain would
go away, The hardest thing in life to bear,
Is to want to hold your child and he is not
there. So look after our Glen God, don't
leave him alone, This is another year away
from home.

- So dearly loved and sadly missed by Mom,
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10453680

In memoriam

BURK, Norma - In loving memory of my wife Norma who passed away Dec. 6, 2003.

How do I write on paper
the feeling I have inside,
Of the emptiness and heartaches
I feel since you have died.
To me you were so special
What more is there to say,
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That you were here today.

- Forever in my heart, Neil.

10459058

BURK, Norma - In memory of a dear friend,
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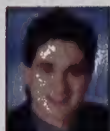


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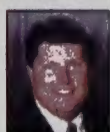


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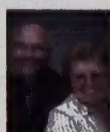


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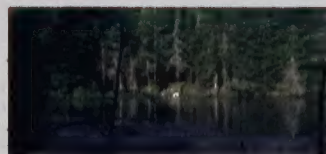


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\$1,500,000

Boehkung Lake: Luxury 4 bdrm/4 bathrm w/ recreational estate. 4.5 privately wooded acres w/cart paths & tennis court, approx. 3600 sq. ft. beautifully designed upscale retreat home w/22' cath. ceiling, master bdrm. w/granite wall & ensuite. Media & games room with w/o to deck. Sunrm w/panoramic view of the lake. Perfect for those who love to entertain.
Call Julie Gray



\$588,500

Kashagawigamog: Yr. rnd., well treed, 1.27 ac. property on the 5 lake chain. Mostly level then gently sloping to clean rocky shoreline. 3 bdrm. cedar plank cottage w/4 skylights, pine floors, airtight stove, screened sunroom & new front deck. Perfect pine floors, airtight stove, screened sunroom & new front deck. Perfect for a yr. rnd. retirement home.
Call Marilyn Hawley

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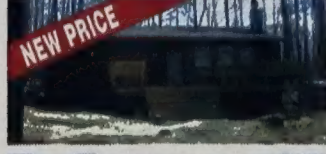


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\$229,000

Anson Street: Scenic in-town location in an area of fine waterfront homes! Miles of boating pleasure on the Gull Lake/River system. Immaculate bungalow w/separate DR, FP, laminate flooring, 2 garages, renovated bath & kitchen, dock, very well kept and nicely decorated. Immediate possession.
Call Bill Kulas today.



\$269,900

Clear Lake: Year round access to a 4 season cottage. Beautiful clear deep water. Cottage offers stone FP w/insart, propane stove, 3 bdrms, new deck.
Call Lynda Litwin

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Acreage Parcels

Ironton River: 41 acre parcel w/1450' riverfront, nicely treed, yr. rnd access. Dirt bike track on-site. Many possibilities. \$90,000.
Minden: 23 acre parcel w/red pine plantation, yr. rnd access, beaver meadow, lovely bldg sites ideal for log chalet. Only \$59,000.
Call Karen Nimigon

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\$129,000

Affordable Cottage Living: Cute, cozy, yr. rnd. access, no winter water, great big lake views, sand beaches. Quiet community living. Full kitchen, sunporch, swimming pools & tennis courts. Just bring the groceries.
Call Tom & Gail Tempest



\$179,900

Green Lake: Boat, swim, or fish the 3-lake chain of Maple, Green, and Pine from this cozy 3 bdrm yr. rnd. waterfront home/cottage. Features include: large picture windows, large screened porch, heated water line, hi-eff. oil furnace, sandy beach. Close to Golf & Sir Sam's skiing.
Call Elizabeth Thompson

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\$209,000

2051 Horsehoe Lake Road: Immaculate 2 storey home, open kitchen & dining area, 4 bdrms, full w/o finished family rm. & bsmt, 2 bathrms., large mudroom, attached garage, 3 acres, short walk to sandy public beach.
Call Ted Vasey



\$69,900

Haliburton By The Lake: Buy now & build in the spring. This 1/2 acre lot in the Haliburton subdivision has 133 ft. of frtg. and is on a quiet dead end street. Call for more details. Access to Head Lake.
Call Melanie Vigrass

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